

HAMPTON MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 15, 2016

7:00PM

Hampton Town Hall, 100 Winnacunnet Road, Basement Meeting Room

Attendance

Nicholas Bridle, Chairman

Michael Plouffe, Vice Chairman

Regina Barnes, Selectman Representative

Frank DeLuca, School Board Representative SAU 90 (non-voting)

Robert Ladd, Hampton Beach Village District Representative

Michael Pierce

Sunny Kravitz

Steve Henderson

Brian Lapham

Danielle Augustine

Timothy "Citizen" Jones

Stephen LaBranche

Absent (excused)

Open seat

Brian Lapham called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Committee members made self-introductions.

Mr. Lapham said thank you to Eileen Latimer and all she has done for this town and the Budget Committee.

Mr. Bridle invited Frank DeLuca, School Board Member to the table, as the representative for the time being; his meeting is tomorrow night at which point they will chose representation.

Mr. Lapham said everyone has been sworn in. Mr. Jones asked if Mr. DeLuca would be voting tonight. Mr. Lapham said yes. Mr. Bridle said Mr. DeLuca was the alternate for last year's board. Mr. Jones said according to the RSAs all positions expire when the elections are completed and the school board has not elected anyone as a representative to this board. Mr. Pierce said we were not going to be voting on anything he would need to vote on anyway. Mr. Jones wanted it clarified on who was voting. Mr. DeLuca offered to leave. Mr. Jones said no he was welcome to stay, but technicalities are important to this committee.

Reorganization

Mr. Lapham asked for a motion for the Chairman of the Budget Committee.

Mr. Pierce nominated Michael Plouffe as Chairman of the Hampton Budget Committee for the coming year.

Mr. Plouffe respectfully declined the nomination.

Mr. Kravitz asked if there was a vacancy on the committee. Mr. Lapham said yes we would get to that. Mr. Kravitz said he got a call from Mary-Louise Woolsey saying she would like to come back on the board.

Moved by Mr. Ladd, seconded by Mr. Henderson, to appoint Nicholas Bridle as Chairman of the Hampton Budget Committee for the coming year

Mr. Bridle accepted the nomination.

Moved by Mr. Kravitz, seconded by Mr. Ladd, to appoint Brian Lapham as Chairman of the Hampton Budget Committee for the coming year

Mr. Lapham accepted the nomination.

A vote was then taken on the nomination of Nicholas Bridle.

Vote: 7 yes. Motion passed.

A vote was then taken on the nomination of Brian Lapham.

Vote: 3 yes. Motion failed.

Moved by Mr. Ladd, seconded by Mr. Kravitz, to appoint Brian Lapham as Vice Chairman of the Hampton Budget Committee for the coming year

Mr. Lapham accepted the nomination.

Moved by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Michael Pierce, to appoint Michael Plouffe as Vice Chairman of the Hampton Budget Committee for the coming year

Mr. Plouffe accepted the nomination.

A vote was then taken on the nomination of Brian Lapham.

Vote: 3 yes. Motion failed.

A vote was then taken on the nomination of Michael Plouffe.

Vote: 6 yes, 1 abstention (Plouffe). Motion passed.

Mr. Pierce asked the vote count for the Chairman and Vice Chair be read off.

Chairman Bridle said when Mr. Jones resigned last year from his position he vacated a one year spot, which would be filled by appointment.

Mr. Jones said when there has been a vacancy it is announced on television and anyone interested lets the Chair know and after a list is assembled of all those interested are invited to present themselves at a subsequent meeting.

Chairman Bridle made a public announcement that anyone who wished to be considered as a candidate for the board contacts him and he will assemble a list and address it at the Budget Committee meeting next month. I encourage people to come in and introduce themselves if this is something they would like to get into.

Reminder

Mr. Ladd said on March 25, 2016 at 7PM the Hampton Beach Village District will be having its annual meeting, and encourage all registered voters in the Village District to attend residents who are not registered can register from 1PM-7PM on that date; it is an open town meeting form of government. The public may attend, but if you are not a registered member of the district you may not vote.

Mr. LaBranche said the voting is between 1PM-7PM and you are voting for 1 commissioner, 1 treasurer, 1 clerk, 1 moderator and 1 supervisor of the checklist. There are four warrant articles in all:

1. Election of Offices
2. Budget – General Government
3. Budget – Culture
4. Any other business that is necessary

Old Business

Chairman Bridle said there are minutes he needs to connect with Ms. Latimer on, in regards to the meeting after the deliberative session in regards to the votes on the warrant articles, where the language was changed; the meetings have not been approved by us yet.

Mr. Lapham said that the minutes from the last meeting are also needed. Chairman Bridle said he would look into this.

New Business

Mr. Jones said we need to discuss at the next meeting, the schedule and possible informational meetings.

Chairman Bridle said the calendar was priority number one and if anyone has agenda items send them to his email address.

Mr. LaBranche stated that all legal public meetings that agenda's need to be posted five days ahead. Mr. Jones said it was advisory only.

Chairman Bridle said he would look into making sure the room is reserved for every third Tuesday of each month for the rest of the year, the next meeting is April 19, 2016. Mr. Jones said that Kristina automatically reserved the room.

Chairman Bridle welcomed the new members and the returning members.

Selectman Barnes said she is very happy to be here and will relay to the BOS concerning a NHMA workshop. She hopes that the Budget Committee and BOS can work together as best as possible. Mr. Jones said there has been no contention between the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectman.

Adjournment

Moved by Mr. LaBranche, seconded by Mr. Kravitz to adjourn the meeting at 7:34PM

Vote: 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Bridle, Chair
Terry Yeaton, Secretary